

Indiana Governors' portraits collection S2387

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Summary Information

Repository	Indiana State Library
Title	Indiana Governor's portraits collection
Date	1916/04/12-1922/03/17
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S2387

Preferred Citation

Indiana Governors' portraits collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

Administrative History

The Indiana Governors' portraits collection consists of oil portraits (except for one pastel) of all but one governor of Indiana since it became a territory. When a new governor is elected, the Indiana State Museum must assure that the governor's portrait is painted and added to the collection. Most of the portraits are hanging in government offices in the State House in Indianapolis. The collection is a visible reminder of Indiana's past and a resource for political, cultural, and art history.

In 1869, Governor Conrad Baker began collecting pictures of the seventeen Indiana governors who had preceded him. The legislature soon authorized him "to secure, as soon as practicable, a true and life-like likeness of each of the Governors of the State and Territory of Indiana, including the present incumbent . . .", at a cost not to exceed \$200.00.

In 1977, under Governor Otis R. Bowen, the Indiana Historical Bureau began the process of restoring the paintings with an eye toward extending the collection as a cultural, historical, and educational tool. The collection now totals fifty-three portraits; most are on public display. The Indiana Historical Bureau was given statutory responsibility for maintaining the collection in 1978. In July 2009, the Indiana State Museum was designated [IC 14-20-16-1] custodian of the Indiana Governors' portraits collection.

"Indiana Governor's Portraits". Indiana Historical Bureau. Retrieved 2013/11/19. <http://www.in.gov/history/2362.htm>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes typed, signed and unsigned copies of letters and an autographed, signed letter from Henry J. Gensler, Esther McNitt, Virginia Hendricks, L.P. Spinner, Edward L. Morse, Merrill Moores, Warren T. McCray in Indianapolis, Indiana and Washington, D.C. ranging from 1916 to 1922 regarding Indiana governors' portraits and photographs.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

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Publication Information

Indiana State Library

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a records transfer from Indiana Division on 1941/06/09.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2013/11/19 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2013/11/19 by Edythe Huffman.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Indiana Historical Bureau.
- Indiana State Museum.

Personal Name(s)

- McCray, Warren T.
- Moores, Merrill

Subject(s)

- Art
- Correspondence
- Portraits
- Rare Books and Manuscripts